

REMARKS

The last Office Action has been carefully considered.

It is noted that the Examiner indicated that claim 1 was generic and allowable.

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claim 1 has been gratefully acknowledged.

The Examiner also objected to the disclosure and objected to the claims.

In connection with this, applicants have amended the abstract of the disclosure in compliance with the Examiner's requirements.

Claim 1, together with some dependent claims, have been amended in view of the Examiner's objections to the claims.

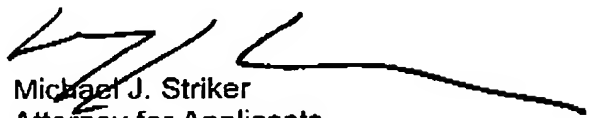
It is believed that the changes to the abstract and the claims satisfy the Examiner's requirements.

The claims currently on file should be considered as patentably distinguishing over the art and should be allowed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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